

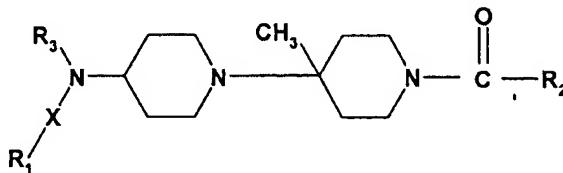
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

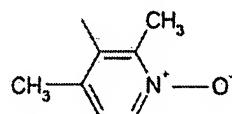
Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Previously presented): A compound of formula I



wherein

1) R<sub>2</sub> is a residue of formula



and

a) R<sub>1</sub> is thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl or 2-methyl-thiazolyl,

X is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and

R<sub>3</sub> is benzo[1,3]dioxol-yl or phenyl optionally monosubstituted by halogen,  
or

b) R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl substituted by -SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> or CN

X is -CH<sub>2</sub>-, and

R<sub>3</sub> is phenyl

or

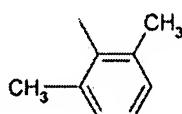
c) R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl

X is a direct bond, and

R<sub>3</sub> is pyridyl,

or

2) R<sub>2</sub> is a residue of formula



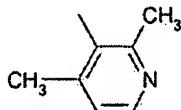
and

a)  $R_1$  is pyridyl, phenyl optionally substituted by carboxy or  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl, 2-methylthiazolyl, indolyl or benzimidazol-2-yl,  
 $X_1$  is  $-\text{CH}_2-$  or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ , and  
 $R_3$  is phenyl optionally substituted by Hal,  
or

b)  $R_1$  is phenyl  
 $X$  is a direct bond  
 $R_3$  is pyridyl,  
or

c)  $R_1$  is 2-methyl-thiazolyl,  
 $X$  is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ , and  
 $R_3$  is 1-methyl-indolyl  
or

3)  $R_2$  is a residue of formula

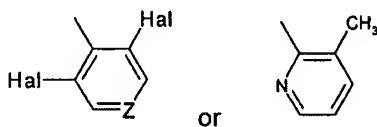


and

a)  $R_1$  is 2-methyl-thiazolyl  
 $X$  is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ , and  
 $R_3$  is phenyl substituted by halogen  
or

b)  $R_1$  is pyridyl  
 $X$  is a direct bond, and  
 $R_3$  is phenyl  
or

4)  $R_2$  is a residue of formula



wherein

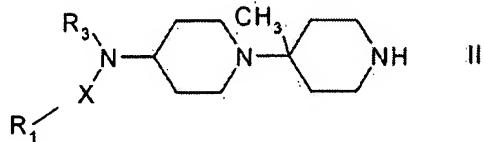
Hal is F or Cl,  
 $Z$  is  $-\text{C}=$  or  $-\text{N}=$   
and

a)  $R_1$  is phenyl,  $X$  is a direct bond and  $R_3$  is pyridyl  
or

b)  $R_1$  is pyridyl,  $X$  is a direct bond and  $R_3$  is phenyl.

Claim 10. (Previously presented): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 9 which process comprises

a) amidating a compound of formula II

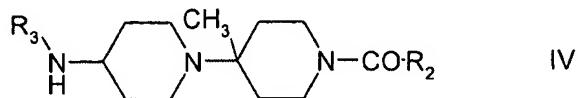


wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_3$  and  $X$  are as defined in claim 1  
with a compound of formula III

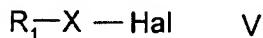


wherein  $R_2$  is as defined in claim 1, A is a leaving group, e.g. Cl or Br; or

b) reacting a compound of formula IV



wherein  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula V



wherein  $R_1$  and  $X$  are as defined above;  
and, where required, converting the resulting compound of formula I obtained in free form into the desired salt form, or vice versa.

Claim 11. (Previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I as defined in claim 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.

Claim 12-24. (Canceled):